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In re application of : Confirmation No. 7809  
Herman WALDMANN et al. : Docket No. 2001-0699  
Serial No. 09/125,460 : Group Art Unit 1644  
Filed August 19, 1998 : Examiner P. Gambel  
ANTIBODY VARIANTS :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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Sir:

In view of the Response to Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Kindly cancel claims 2, 6-17, 19-22, 24 and 25 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claim 18 as follows.

18. (Twice Amended) A cell line which expresses a non-cell binding antibody obtained

E1 according to the method as claimed in claim 26.

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Please add the following new claims.

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